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## In brief

### Annual beach clean-up

The annual statewide Florida Beach Cleanup will be held from 8 – 11 a.m. Saturday along Tyndall's NCO Beach. Volunteers will park and start at the NCO Beach Pavilion. There will be free T-shirts for participants for as long as they last.

### FY close out

The 325 Fighter Wing claims office will not be accepting claims beginning Monday until Sept. 30. This time is needed to coordinate with the accounting and finance office and review accounts. The office will resume normal claims operations Oct. 3. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Alphonso Overton, claims NCO in charge, at 283-3271.

### CFC begins

The Combined Federal Campaign began Monday and will continue until Oct. 23. Those wishing to make a contribution can contact their unit CFC representative. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Denise Richardson at 283-9687.

## What's inside



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Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

## Paying respect

Teenagers with the 4-H Club stand at parade rest while Tyndall's Honor Guard perform a flag folding ceremony in honor of 9/11 at Flag Park Sept. 10 here. The 4-H Club members were here as part of Operation Military Kids, which allows them to learn about deployment procedures and what happens at a military base. For more, see Pages 12-13.

# Sabre Gate to undergo major construction

**MAJ. SUSAN A. ROMANO**

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Since Sept. 11, 2001, military installations around the United States and overseas began significantly fortifying their entry gates to further enhance the safety and security of personnel and resources.

Through antiterrorism and force protection funding, Tyndall will begin construction on the Sabre Gate with a scheduled start date of Sept. 26. The construction will be accomplished in three phases to allow for some traffic flow through the gate during the first two phases of the project, and is expected to last for up to eight months. The third phase will require a complete closure of the gate.

"We are doing this project to better protect our assets," said Brian Stahl, deputy base civil engineer. "We anticipate a disruption to traffic patterns and traffic flow in the area, but we are working closely

with our security forces, local law enforcement, the Florida Department of Transportation and administrators at Tyndall Elementary School to alleviate any issues that might crop up."

The construction project is being executed through the SABER program and should be complete by the base's air show, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of April 2006.

### Phase I:

Phase I is scheduled to take approximately two months to complete. The current outbound lane of Sabre Gate will be completely closed to all traffic. The current inbound lane will be converted to a single outbound lane, and the old Visitors' Center parking lot entrance will be used for inbound traffic. (see Inset 1 on Page 9) Also during this time, the contractor will begin new construction on School Road, just west of Tyndall Elementary School, in

preparation for the final two phases.

### Phase II:

Phase II will be the lengthiest portion of the construction – approximately four months. The newly renovated outbound lane of Sabre Gate will be used only for outbound traffic. All inbound traffic will be re-routed to School Road or the main gate. There will be NO inbound traffic through the Sabre Gate during Phase II. (see Inset 2 on Page 9)

Also during this time, DeJarnette Road will be closed to all traffic (with the exception of those working in the Natural Resources Flight and those exiting School Road towards Sabre Drive). Once drivers exit School Road, they will be directed towards a temporary entry control facility. As with any gate or control point, proper credentials will be required for ac-

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Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

### Where'd it go?

Staff Sgt. Orlando Hernandez, 325th Maintenance Squadron, performs a coin trick for hurricane evacuees at the Bay County Fairgrounds while they wait in line for financial aid. He said he felt the evacuees could use some sort of entertainment to take their minds off their hardships for a little while. Sergeant Hernandez has been learning and practicing magic since he was 10 years old.

### Identify this...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to [editor@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:editor@tyndall.af.mil) with "Identify This" in the subject line. Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to select the final winner. The 'prize' can be claimed at the Public Affairs office. The winner for the Sept. 9 "Identify This" is Djuana Donaldson, Tyndall Clubs assistant manager. She correctly guessed that the photo was two keys on a computer keyboard. Congratulations, Ms. Donaldson! Come claim your prize!

## ON THE STREET

### Who is one of your heroes in the Hispanic community?



"I'd say Carlos Santana. He brought Hispanic influence to mainstream music, exposing countless people to a new cultural experience."

2ND LT. JAMES BARBER  
325th Air Control Squadron



"Carlos Santana is my choice. Instead of saying thanks to people at the World Music Awards, he told barrios, ghettos and communities that we should get together and help our own people."

STAFF SGT. JAMES SALAS  
325th Medical Operations Squadron



"My hero is Luiz Maizel, LM Capital Group senior managing director. He was born and raised in Mexico City and is a role model for Hispanics by encouraging them to get an education and succeed."

SENIOR AIRMAN SERGIO ESCALERA  
325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron



"I pick Salvador Dali. I learned about him in high school Spanish class, and I think his art work is really interesting."

SENIOR AIRMAN CAMILLA ARMSTRONG  
372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4

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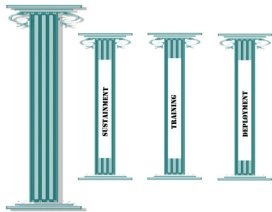


# Action Line: Tyndall member voices concerns over crosswalk stop signs

**Q:** I don't understand why there have to be stop signs around some crosswalks instead of a yield sign, when one of the busiest cross walks over by Hangar 2 only has a florescent sign saying there is a crosswalk coming. Thank you.

**A:** Thank you for your question regarding the stop signs that were recently placed near some of the crosswalks on Tyndall. Due to several close calls, pedestrian safety at crosswalks has recently received my increased attention. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron is in the process of acquiring flashing pedestrian crossing signs and speed strobes to improve the safety of many of the crossings at Tyndall. These devices will be installed at several locations in the next few months. However, in order to immediately increase the safety of some of the more dangerous crosswalks, temporary stop signs were added near crosswalks in front of Bldg. 219, Bldg. 226, and Bldg. 939. We realize the stop signs are inconvenient, but weighing the risk of an accident against the inconvenience of the stop signs makes this temporary measure worth the cost of a small inconvenience. As soon as the new devices are acquired and installed, the stop signs will be removed.

## FORCE PROTECTION



# Whatever happened to *my* Air Force?

**MAJ. ERIC D. NORTH**  
325th Maintenance Operations Squadron

First off, let's be honest— you know at one point in your career you've either asked yourself the above question, or have heard it from your supervisor, a senior NCO or an officer.

As you have progressed in your career you have seen many things in the military that have caused you to question what happened to the Air Force you joined "years ago." Well, let me tell you, it is right here — it hasn't gone anywhere. It just evolved, and believe it or not, you are a huge part of that evolution.

On a daily basis I witness the vast majority of our Airmen working hard at their jobs, displaying the proper customs and courtesies and following the dress and personal appearance guidelines according to regulations.

Then there are the few who stretch things to the limit to test the "system." They are seen at off-base gas stations

pumping gas with their hat or battle dress uniform shirt off. They let their hair go beyond acceptable limits and don't bother to put a shine on their boots. They don't press their uniform and go out of their way to avoid saluting an officer. They place their sun glasses on top of their head or tuck them into the front of their shirt collar. They stand or walk with both hands jammed into their pockets.

The funny thing is this is no different from when I first came in the service in 1984. I remember when I was an Airman, stationed right here at Tyndall, working in (at that time) the 325th Component Repair Squadron engine shop, we had our share of Airmen who fell into this pattern. They thought they were above the rules and wanted to march to their own beat. Well, most of them didn't last too long in the service. One of the reasons these folks didn't last long is that there are too many people out there who cared.

The ones who cared took control of the situation and corrected the problem. They confronted the troops who weren't in compliance. They vowed to change the mindset of these few and ensured they conformed to the rules and regulations we have all been accustomed to follow. As a young Airman, I missed opportunities to correct some of these behaviors in others and questioned myself as to why I didn't do something about it. As I thought about it, I realized that by not doing something about it, I condoned the behavior as acceptable when in fact it wasn't.

You're probably asking yourself what does this have to do with me. Well, I want to invoke a culture change in the Air Force. I don't want you to be asking yourself 10, 15, 20 years from now the question, "What ever happened to MY Air Force?" To achieve this goal,

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# Doing what it takes to be a top one-percenter

**COL. JOHN NEWELL**  
12th Operations Group commander

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — As a group commander, I spend a lot of time writing performance reports. We stratify our top performers — #1 of 100, for example — to clearly identify our very best Airmen.

We would all like to measure up well within our peer group, and most of us try hard to improve every day. After years of observing Airmen and admiring their talents, I'll offer my observations on the characteristics these "top one-percenters" seem to share.

Before I list the ingredients that separate top one-percenters from the merely great, let me establish the baseline required to get in the game: Top one-percenters live by the Air Force's Core Values. I marvel at the brilliance, the completeness and

the simplicity of our Air Force Core Values. If you truly live the Air Force Core Values, you are among the best the Air Force has to offer. Now, do these additional four things, and you'll be a top one-percenter:

Top one-percenters focus on results, not effort. We praise young Airmen for giving 100 percent, even when they don't succeed. Early in their careers, Airmen need positive reinforcement for hard work as successes are few and hurdles are many. But at some point, commanders expect results. Simply put, hard work is not the measure of success and certainly no substitute for results.

Surprisingly, some people never learn to make the distinction between effort and achievement. I'm perplexed when

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## Action Line Call 283-2255



**BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or

you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

<b>Commissary</b>	283-4825
<b>Pass and I.D.</b>	283-4191
<b>Medical and Dental</b>	283-7515
<b>MEO</b>	283-2739

<b>MPF</b>	283-2276
<b>SFS Desk Sgt.</b>	283-2254
<b>Services</b>	283-2501
<b>Legal</b>	283-4681
<b>Housing</b>	283-2036
<b>CDC</b>	283-4747
<b>Wing Safety</b>	283-4231
<b>Area Defense Counsel</b>	283-2911
<b>Finance</b>	283-4117
<b>Civil Engineer</b>	283-4949
<b>Civilian Personnel</b>	283-3203
<b>Base Information</b>	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

# Hundreds of NCOs face retraining into new specialties

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — More than 3,000 staff, technical and master sergeants have been identified to receive retraining vulnerability notices under the initial phase of the Air Force’s fiscal 2006 Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program.

The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages. As part of Phase I of the program, scheduled for Aug. 1 to Oct. 14, Air Force officials notified NCOs as vulnerable to retrain.

Officials asked these Airmen to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into or to apply for special duty assignments no later than Oct. 14.

If voluntary measures are unsuccessful, the Air Staff will implement Phase II, involuntary retraining. In Phase II, individuals identified as vulnerable in Air Force Specialty Codes not meeting retraining-out objectives, and without approved retraining or special duty assignments by Oct. 14, will be involuntarily retrained.

“This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air

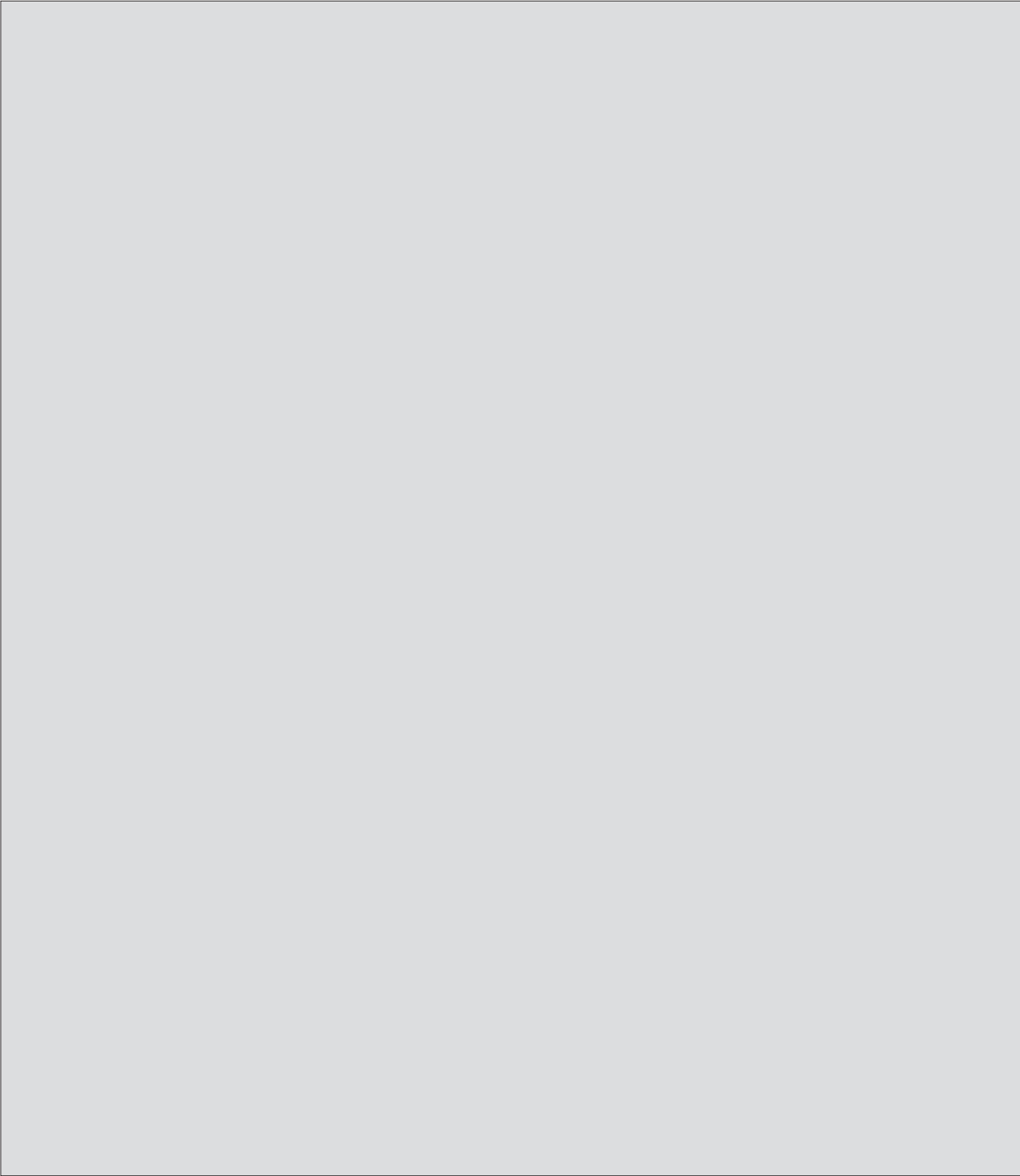
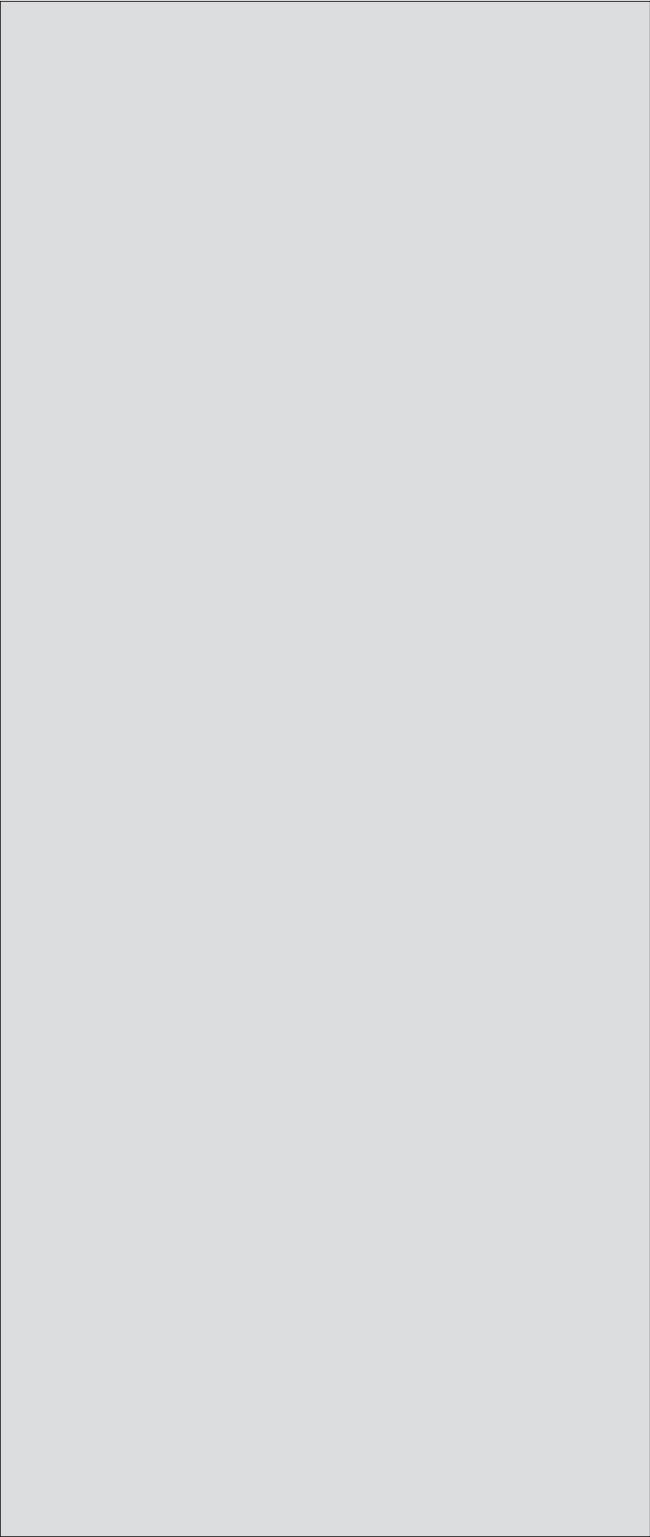
Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most,” said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, NCO in charge of Air Force Enlisted Retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Major commands will continue to accept volunteer applications from individuals not identified as vulnerable. Additionally, they will encourage all eligible NCOs to consider special duty assignments such as recruiting, military training instructors, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructor, Sergeant Johnson-Roscoe said.

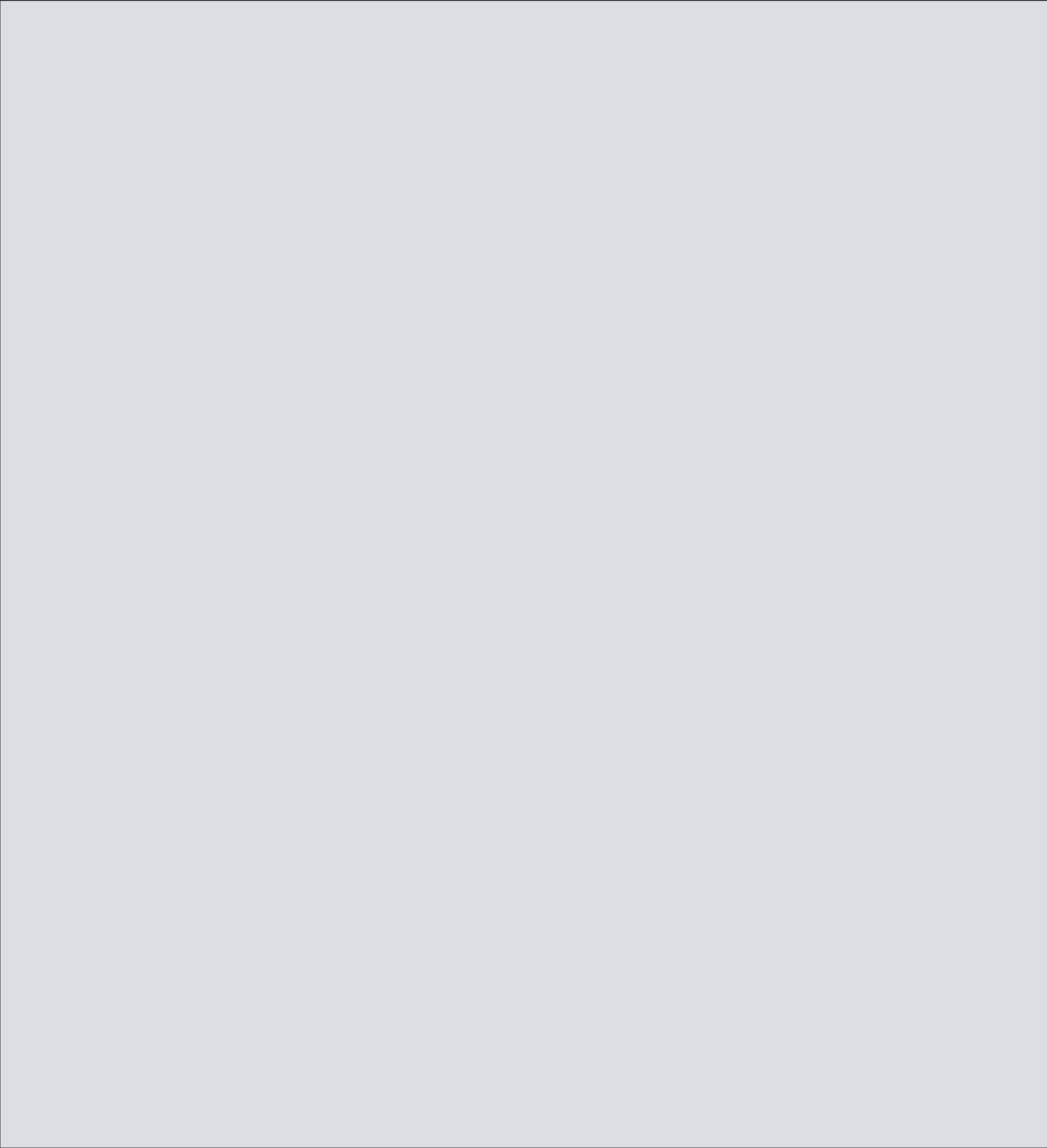
“Now is the time for those who have been

identified for possible retraining to volunteer,” said Chief Master Sgt. Terry Reed, chief of AFPC’s Skills Management Branch. “It’s up to each Airman, but if it were me, I’d think having control over my career would be a priority.”

Vulnerability listings by grade and AFSC were posted on AFPC’s Web site Aug. 1 and will be updated weekly. To view the list, Airmen can login to the AFPC Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/) and click on the retraining link. Anyone interested in more details about the program can contact his or her local military personnel flight.









# 101 Critical Days Campaign comes to close

**CHRISSY CUTTITA**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Although the Air Force’s 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign ended Sept. 6, Tyndall officials are encouraging personnel to continue to practice operational risk management and focus on safety year-round.

During this year’s annual campaign, the Air Force experienced 29 fatalities compared to 32 during 2004.

Here at Tyndall, there were no fatalities during the critical time, but there were minor injuries and mishaps, many of which involved young Airmen participating in aggressive behavior like waterskiing, according to Ken Jolley, 325th Fighter Wing chief of ground safety.

As in past years, motor vehicle and motorcycle fatalities accounted for most of the Air Force losses and wing mishaps. Some of the factors in these mishaps included losing control of the vehicle, not using seatbelts and alcohol. Other fatalities occurred during off-duty sports and recreational activities.

“From a wing perspective, we did well and

I am proud of our Airmen who stayed safe this summer,” said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. “But I don’t want folks to let their guard down – safety is something that should be at the forefront of everyone’s daily routine regardless of what day it is on the calendar. I am encouraging the men and women of Team Tyndall to remain vigilant as summer comes to a close and the winter holidays approach.”

The ‘critical days’ campaign has run annually since the early 1980s and was developed to counter the traditional increase in Air Force mishaps and fatalities that occur during the summer months. Campaign efforts attempt to increase personal awareness of risk and thereby reduce the number of summer mishaps and fatalities.

“As Airmen, we should always be applying operational risk management to our decisions while off duty the same way we do on duty,” said Lt. Col. George Menker, 325th Fighter Wing Safety chief. “Our mindset shouldn’t change just because the campaign is over; proper safety precautions and deci-

sions should be applicable year-round. It needs to be a true mindset for everyone at all times.”

Operational risk management is a critical process, according to Mr. Jolley.

“The first and biggest step to ORM is to identify hazards that surround any activity we want to do,” said Mr. Jolley. “It’s like what we were taught when we learned to cross the street. You have to stop, look and listen. If you stop and think about what you are planning to do, you are basically applying ORM to everyday decision making.”

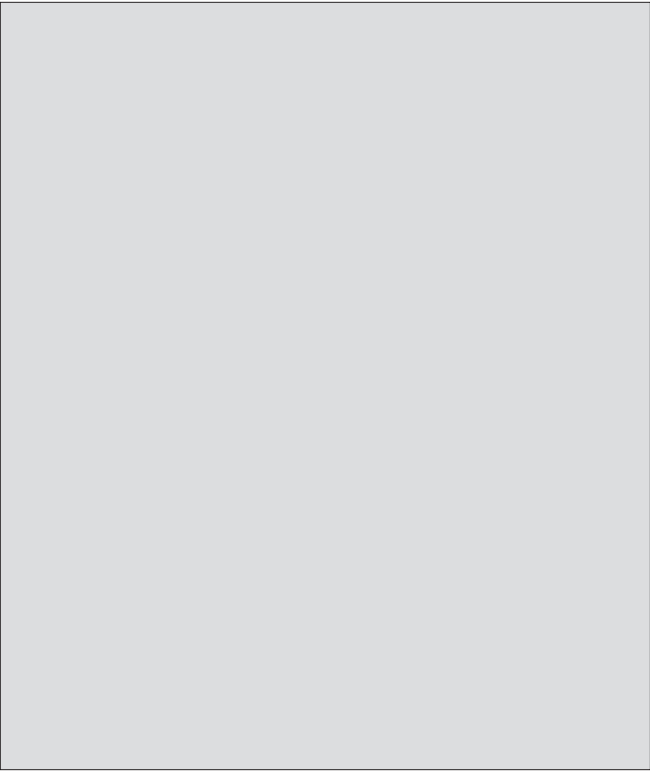
Tyndall keeps those efforts running year-round by continuing to teach the principals of ORM and providing services to keep their Airmen safe. Events like Wingman Day, Safety Day, courses such as motorcycle training and programs like providing rides home to those who feel it is unsafe to do so themselves all contribute to better ORM and aid in educating the wing populace on all aspects of safety.

“ORM is everyone’s responsibility,” said Mr. Jolley. “The trick is to know what the risk is and take the necessary steps to counter it.”

## DAPS returns to Tyndall

The Document Automation and Production Service is celebrating its 55th anniversary with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Communications Annex, Bldg. 817. With the need for increased printing support, DAPS is returning effective Oct. 1. With the exception of improved service and equipment (including color copying), the transition will be transparent to customers. During the open house, DAPS will provide tours of the new facility as well as provide demonstrations of the new equipment capabilities and train for DAPS Online. Customer accounts will be initiated with the assistance of DAPS trainers. Refreshments will be served.





ARTICLE 15s

*The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall AFB in August 2005.*

An airman first class received a reduction to airman (suspended), forfeitures of \$50 pay per month for two months (suspended), and 30 days extra duty under Article 15 for simple assault, willful dereliction of duty and signing a false official statement, in violation of Articles 92, 107 and 128, UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman (suspended), forfeitures of \$50 pay per month for two months, and 30 days extra duty under Article 15 for drunk on duty, simple assault, willful dereliction of duty, and signing a false official statement, in violation of Articles 107 and 128, UCMJ.

A staff sergeant received a reduction to senior airman, forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months (sus-



pended), 30 days extra duty , and a reprimand under Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order, in violation of Article 91, UCMJ.

A senior airman received forfeitures of \$938 pay and a reprimand under Article 15 for willful dereliction of duty, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman (suspended), forfeitures of \$300 pay per month for two months (suspended), 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand under Article 15 for willful dereliction of duty, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty under Article 15 for failure to go and misbehavior of sentinel, in violation of Articles 86 and 113, UCMJ.



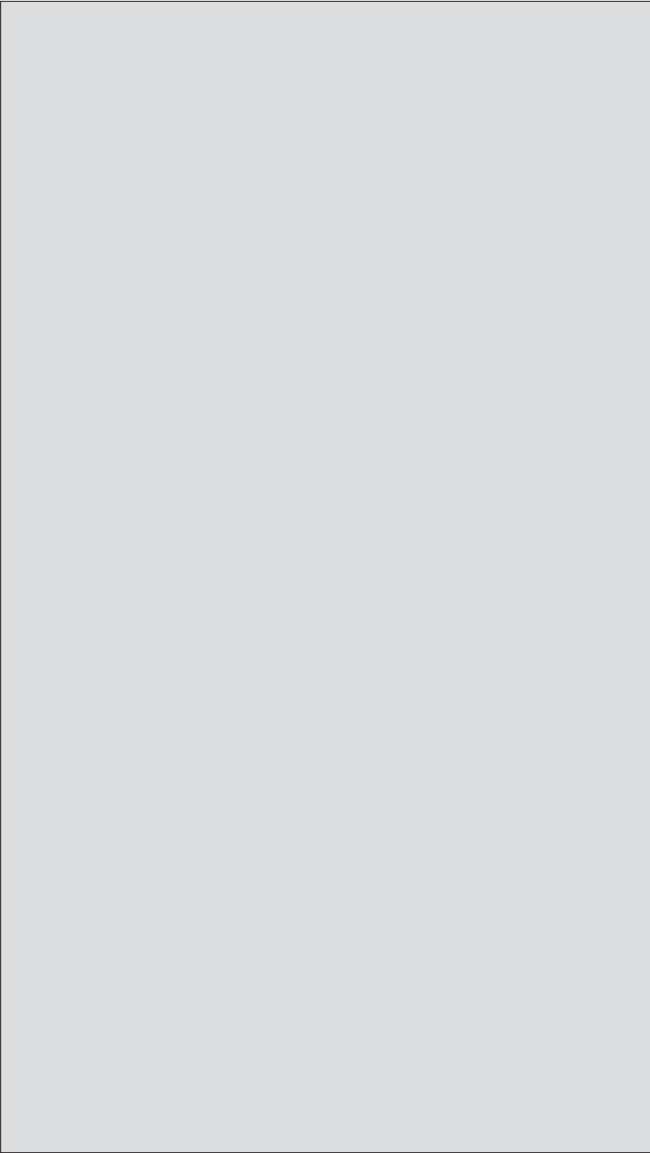
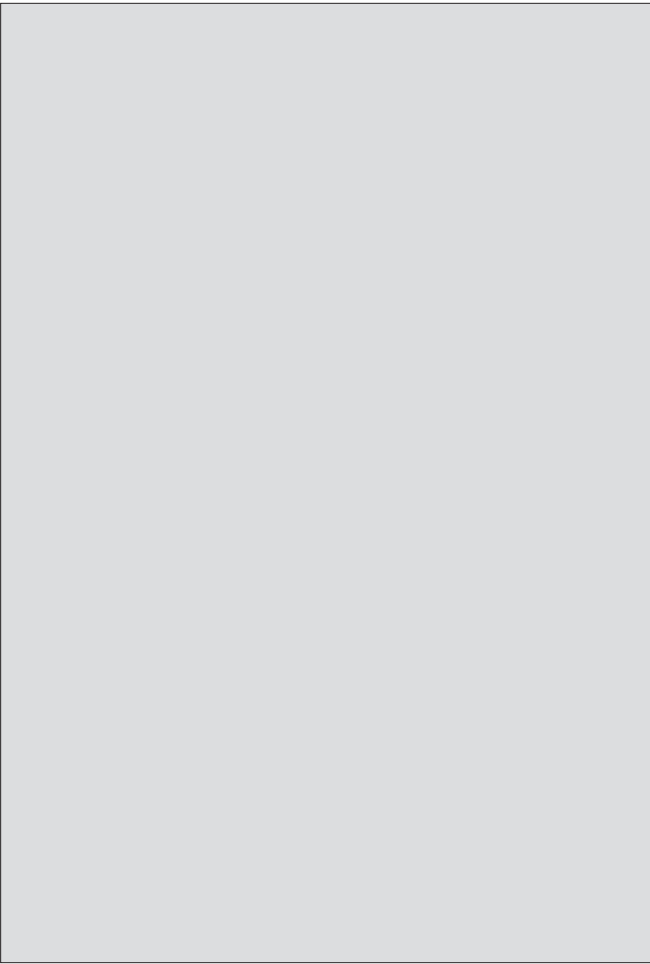
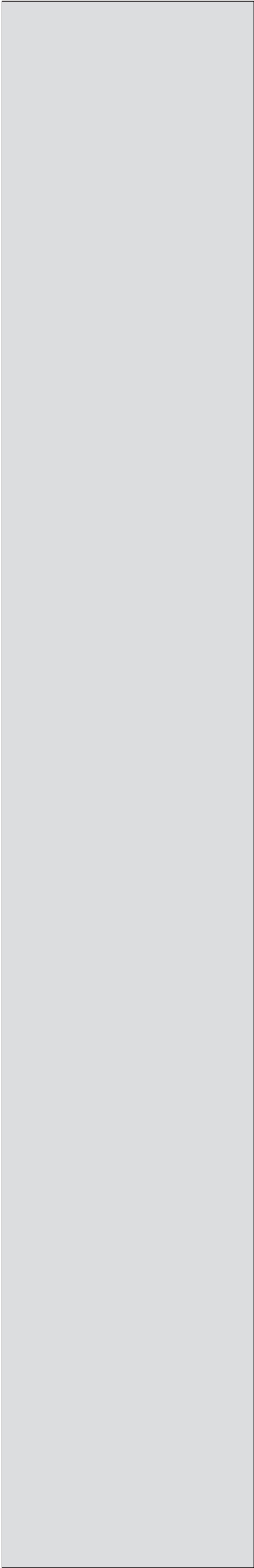
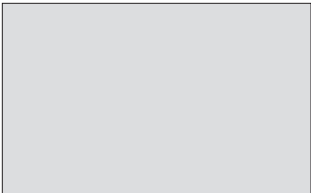
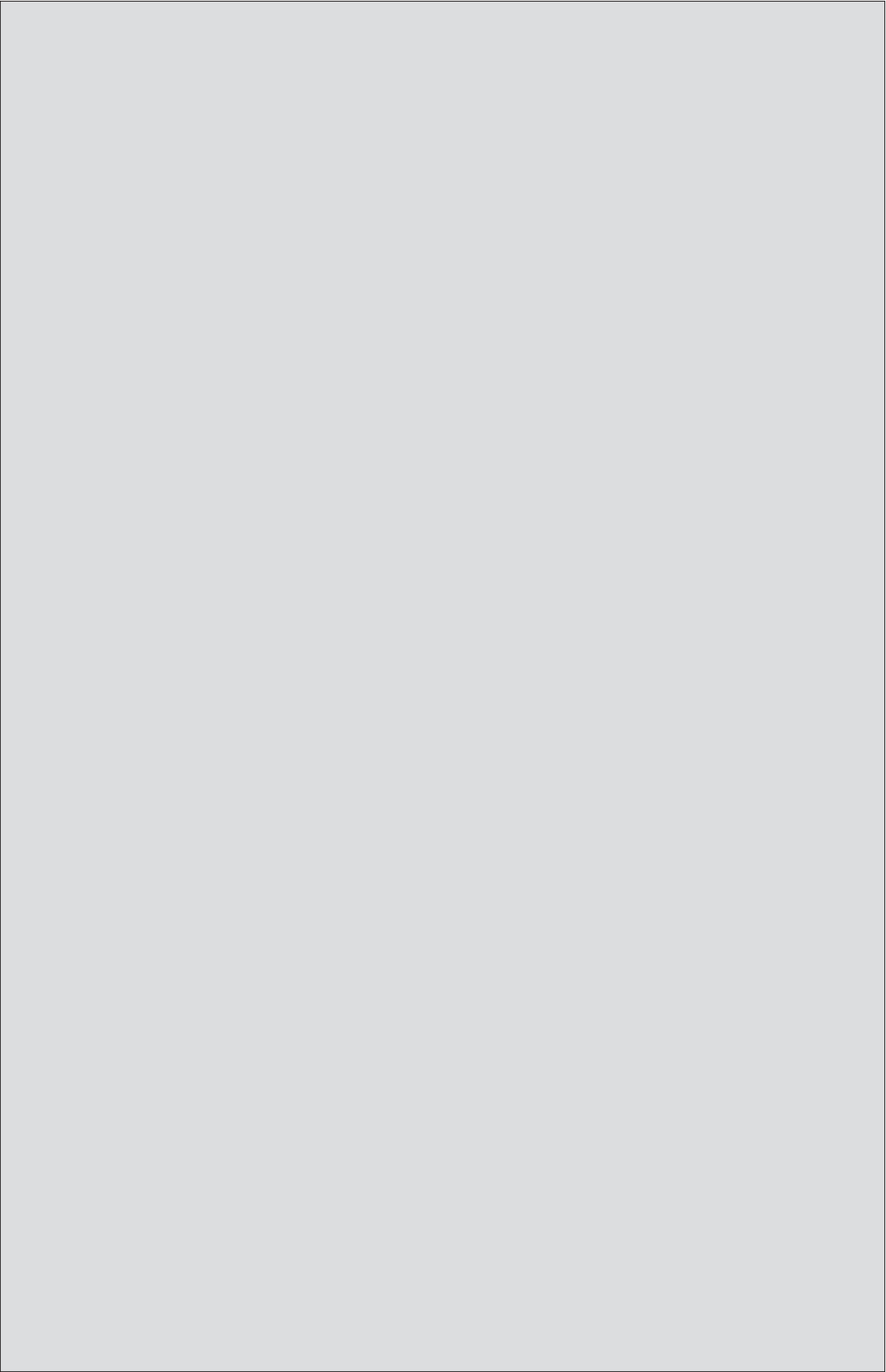


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CONSTRUCTION

Tyndall is dead last in Air Education and Training Command in complying with energy reduction goals. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron has turned all temperature controls to 76 degrees for all centrally controlled facilities on base. If you feel your work area is too cold or too hot, have your facility manager call CE Customer Service at 283-4949, and they will come do an assessment of your work area.

All housing residents are also asked to set their thermostat between 76-78 degrees and turn their water heater temperature settings down. By cutting back on electricity, hot water use and air conditioning, you can help the base avoid paying huge energy premiums and penalties.



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cess (military ID card, visitor's pass, bills of lading, etc.).

**Phase III:**

Although Phase III requires the complete closure of the Sabre Gate for the duration of the project. Fortunately, we

expected to take only two weeks to complete. Inbound traffic will be able to use School Road or the main gate during this phase, while outbound traffic will be limited to the main gate only. DeJarnette Road will be open to limited traffic. (see Inset 3)

“Any gate project is going to unavoidably inconvenience our Airmen and

their families, and this project is no exception,” said Lt. Col. Curt Van De Walle, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. “The initial plan called for full closure of the Sabre Gate for the duration of the project. Fortunately, we have done some out-of-the-box thinking to minimize the impact while still ensuring the safety of our Airmen. Please bear with us as we go through this process—it will be worth it in the end.”

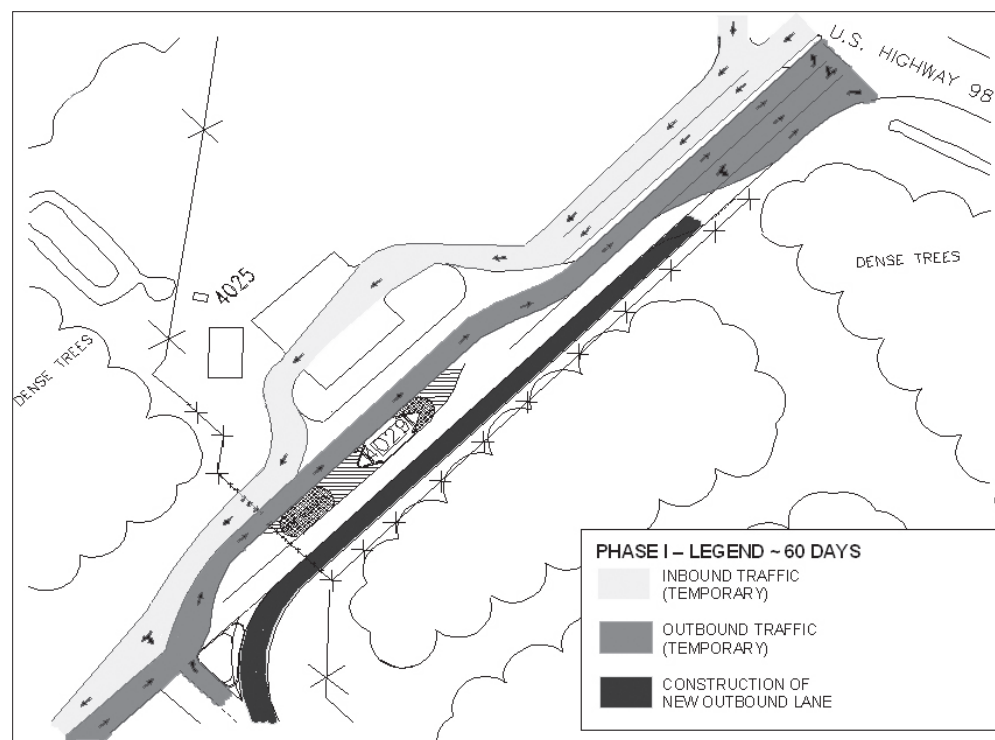
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**LT. COL. CURT VAN DE WALLE**  
325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

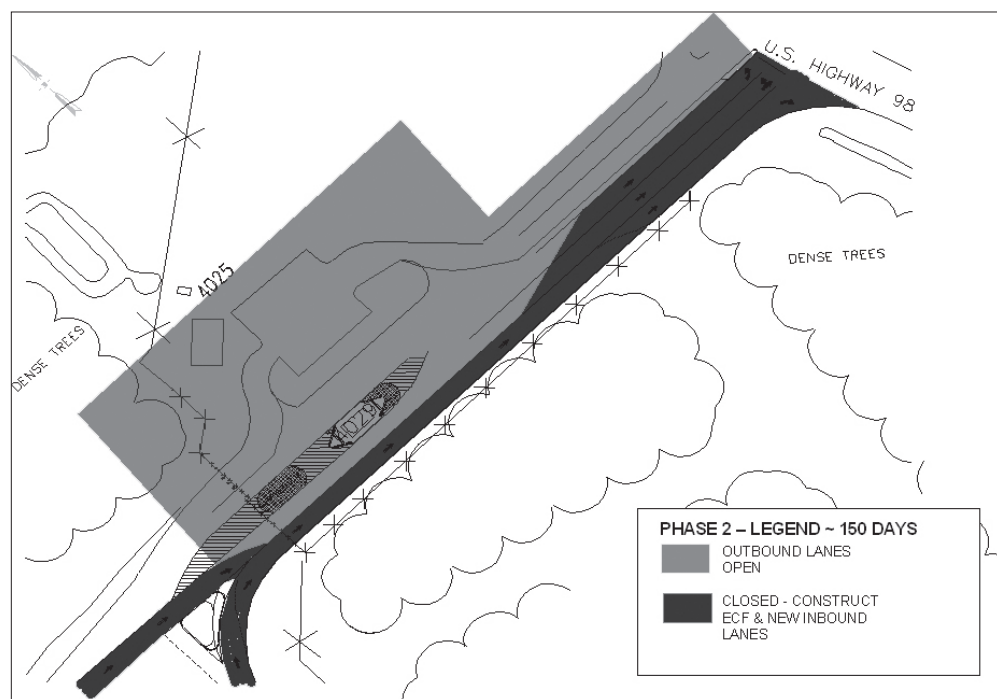
ing to minimize the impact while still ensuring the safety of our Airmen. Please bear with us as we go through this process—it will be worth it in the end.”

The *Gulf Defender* will have periodic updates and traffic pattern reminders as construction is underway.

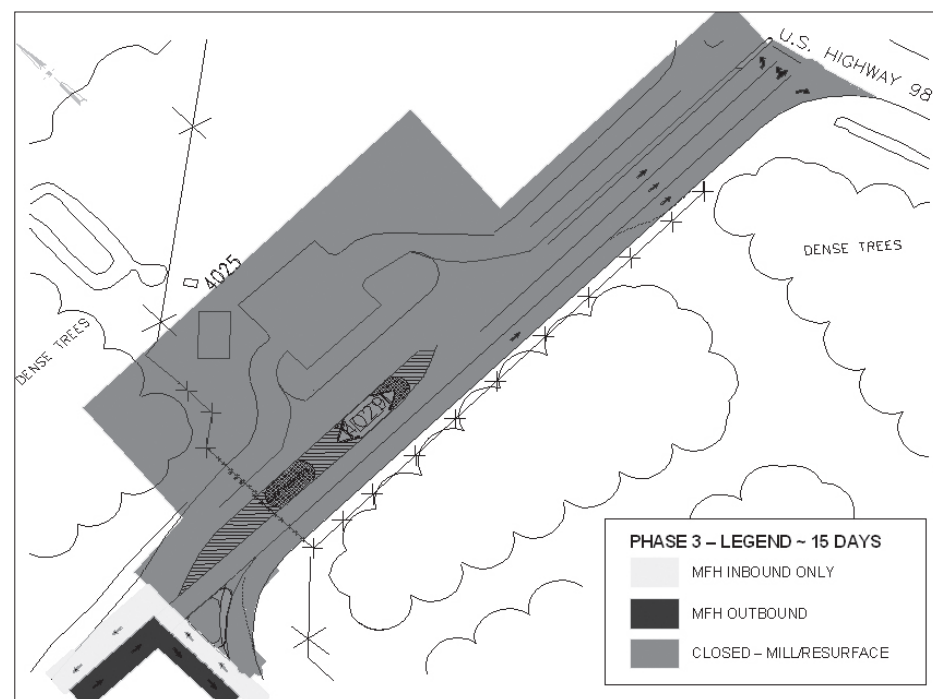
For more information on the project, call Ann Garner at 283-4861.



Inset 1



Inset 2



Inset 3

# Tyndall's comptrollers prepare for FY05 close-out

**CHRISY CUTTITA**

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Fiscal year 2005 is coming to an end and that means it is time to close out the accounting records the base operates on yearly.

In an effort to buy needed items for the wing, the 325th Comptroller Squadron pools together all the remaining funds from each unit and transfers the money to the unfunded requirement list, said Capt. Laura Christensen, 325th CPTS financial analysis chief.

Accounting personnel analyze a spread sheet for government purchase to find out what funds are set aside for use, what orders are unfilled, what orders are ordered but not here and what orders are here but not paid for. These are the stages of purchase where an item or

service can be “stuck” in the process.

“We scrub the miscellaneous obligation reimbursement document cards daily so we can get purchases flowed through all the stages,” said 1st Lt. Robert Bravo, financial services flight commander. “Monies that are debilitated excess and funds that are not valid are required to return to the wing account. Our goal is to make sure all documents get obligated by fiscal year 2006.”

Coordinating with group resource advisors, contracting and civil engineering is essential in getting finance's job done right, according to both budget officers.

“Contracting works daily with the accounting liaison office to validate all customer requirements, ensuring not one commitment is lost,” said Melissa Mullinax, 325th Contracting Squadron contract specialist. “We also en-

sure that all pre-planning FY06 requirements are ready for award on Oct. 1, so there will be no interruption of service to mission critical contracts.”

Right now units are preparing themselves to purchase the item or service they have on the wing's unfunded list. This can require paperwork, product research and approval.

“Improper planning for the use of funds or failure to validate obligations can result in the loss of funds and an inability to purchase vitally needed materials or services,” said Ms. Mullinax. “Exempt from the cut-off dates are emergency requirements and modifications to existing contracts and purchases made with a government purchase card up to \$25,000 placed against a general services administration



## Q & A: 325th Medical Group commander

(Editor's note: The following is a question and answer session with Col. George Nicolas Jr., the 325th Medical Group commander.)

### Q. What goals do you have for your organization as the new commander?

A. To provide safe, efficient, and timely healthcare to all our beneficiaries. I know this doesn't sound like rocket science and should be a given; however, in an environment of constantly changing organizational structures, staffing models, funding guidelines, and healthcare modalities the ability to maintain and improve services and access is a constant challenge.

### Q. Why did you join the Air Force and what has kept you?

A. Initially, it was to complete my professional education and give a little back. I stayed because of the organizational culture that allowed me to grow as a leader; the freedom to practice my profession of optometry to the highest levels; the opportunity work with so many talented and dedicated members at all ranks, jobs, and locations. It's been a blast.

### Q. What is the most important attribute for a commander to have, from your experience?

A. It is the ability to earn the trust of their unit. Without trust, the unit cannot move forward and will lack direction. Earning that trust requires absolute integrity, fair-

ness, and consistency with a dose of a unique personal touch. Without a personal touch, I believe a commander will have trouble connecting with the unit's members.

### Q. What words of encouragement do you have for your Airmen to strive for success in their careers?

A. I have two pieces of advice. One, never close a door (on a career, job, relationships with people you come in contact with) because you never know what terrific opportunity awaits you on the other side. Two, never give up if it is the right thing to do no matter how many obstacles because if it is right you will prevail.

### Q. What are you passionate about in life and why does it help you in your career?

A. I'm passionate about the success of all my Airmen and will do what it takes to make them successful. Success is contagious. When it's present, everybody wins.



Isaac Gibson

Col. George Nicolas Jr. is the 325th Medical Group commander.

## Did you know ...

Air Force Personnel Center maintains a list of all available GS positions military-wide on their Web site for those transitioning out of the military or who have a spouse looking for a job at their next

duty location. Among other things, people can search availabilities by location and pay type or submit their resume electronically for consideration. For more information, go to [https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb/search\\_by\\_state\\_nlo.asp](https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb/search_by_state_nlo.asp).



## Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Nichelle Denny



Steve Wallace

**Sergeant Denny receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Denny, 325th Communications Squadron. She quickly identified a problem with the 325th Fighter Wing vice commander's Blackberry unit and resolved the problem in five hours. She also participates in a local women's softball league. Her team placed second and qualified for the state tournament.

**Duty title:** Messaging technician

**Time on station:** One year, seven months

**Time in service:** Ten years

**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas

**Hobbies:** Playing softball

**Favorite movie:** "Lady Hawk"

**Favorite book:** "Queen of the Damned"

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Being close to the water

**Goals:** Make technical sergeant

**Proudest moment in the military:** The birth of my son

*The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.*

## Travel card advisory for Hurricane Katrina evacuees

The government travel card is a valuable and simple means of procuring travel expenses. DOD personnel who are impacted by Hurricane Katrina and have been placed under competent travel orders may need to use their government travel card to cover the cost of authorized expenses.

In this regard, the following reminders are forwarded to ensure the card is used properly: Ensure that the member or dependents are in receipt of competent travel orders (TDY, PCS or evacuation) before making charges; keep track of expenses with receipts while on travel; file interim travel vouchers at 30 day intervals; check the split disbursement block on the travel voucher and show the total amount of any purchases that were charged to the government charge card; and notify the Bank of America if a travel card bill has not been received.

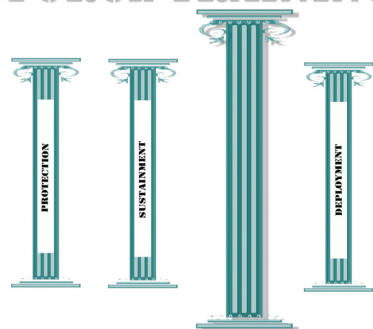
Some other things to remember: Don't obtain ATM cash advances unless in a travel status; don't wait for a bank statement before filing a travel voucher; don't neglect to notify an APC or CPM if the mission is prevents filing a travel voucher and paying the bill; and don't use the government card for expenses that are not authorized.

For assistance, call a component program manager at (703) 588-0932 for Air Force; (703)693-3386 for Army; (717) 605-3067 for Navy; (703) 695-4981 for Marines; and (703) 607 5030 for defense agencies.

(Courtesy of the 325th Comptroller Squadron)



## FORCE TRAINING



### Training Spotlight

**What is the most important part of your training?**

“We have to learn how to effectively communicate with pilots to enhance their situational awareness.”



**2ND LT. SADLER CALDWELL**  
325th Air Control Squadron Air Battle Manager student

## ACS students learn how to track friendly, foe aircraft

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

When it comes to flying, the best way to keep pilots safe is to keep their aircraft apart. But it is the job of one dedicated group of Air Force professionals to do the opposite.

Air battle managers keep pilots informed of which aircraft may be hostile in the area, potentially relaying the approval to eliminate a target.

“This job carries a lot of responsibility,” said Capt. Eric Lopez, 325th Air Control Squadron instructor. “You may have to be the one interpreting the rules of engagement and deciding who’s hostile by their actions or inactions.”

Air battle managers begin their training for this responsibility here. The 325th ACS graduates approximately 200 students each year from the nine month program, which includes instruction on different formations and exercises, capabilities of various fighter aircraft, the different air-to-air and air-to-ground armaments available for use, as well as the various threats to the jets.

Initially, the students learn about the different types of radar and how they work. Next, they learn how to direct two planes to meet head-on, side by side and procedures to guide jets to a tanker for safe air refueling operations. The students then take eight flights in the MU-2 twin-engine turboprop plane to get the pilot’s perspective of the air battle manager/pilot communication link.

“The students fly on the MU-2 so they can understand what the pilot hears when the student is talking on the radio,” Captain Lopez said.

“Students sometimes think that when they say something on the radio, the pilot should just know what they are talking about.”

Back on the ground, students controlling the MU-2 get the feel of “live control” but on a much slower scale. The dots on the radar scope move much slower compared to an F-15 Eagle, so a student has more time to correct an error.

After successfully passing the MU-2 course, the students enter the large force exercise block, which mimics a war. They interact as an E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System crew, where they apply rules of engagement, controlling aircraft and the computers and Air Force doctrine.

The final phase of their training involves controlling the F-15s. By now, the students have completed 112 of their 160 training days. In this phase, students begin with 1 vs. 1 intercepts, and gradually work up to 2 vs. 2 engagements.

“We’re here to support the pilots and tell them what they don’t see,” Captain Lopez said. “The pilots are doing a thousand things at once inside the airplane as well as trying to see what’s going on outside. It’s our job to look behind and on the side of them and filter information they need from all the radios that we listen to.”



2nd Lt. William Powell

**Second Lts. Jason Davis, center, and Jay Vizcarra, 325th Air Control Squadron Air Battle Manager students, learn how to set up their scopes during console familiarization training Tuesday at the 325th ACS.**

Following a training flight, the B-Course pilot and air battle manager students debrief to exchange information and learn how to communicate more effectively with each other.

“We look at a (transcript) of what we said throughout the (mission) and we’re able to evaluate how our communication affected their decision making process and how they used their jet to defeat the enemy,” said 2nd Lt. Ryan Wallace, 325th ACS ABM student. “We discover if our communication helped their situational awareness or hindered it.”

The lieutenant said the training is challenging at times, but with his degree in air traffic control and the training he’s receiving at the squadron, he feels prepared to handle the tough challenges.

“The training definitely keeps me mentally agile,” he said.

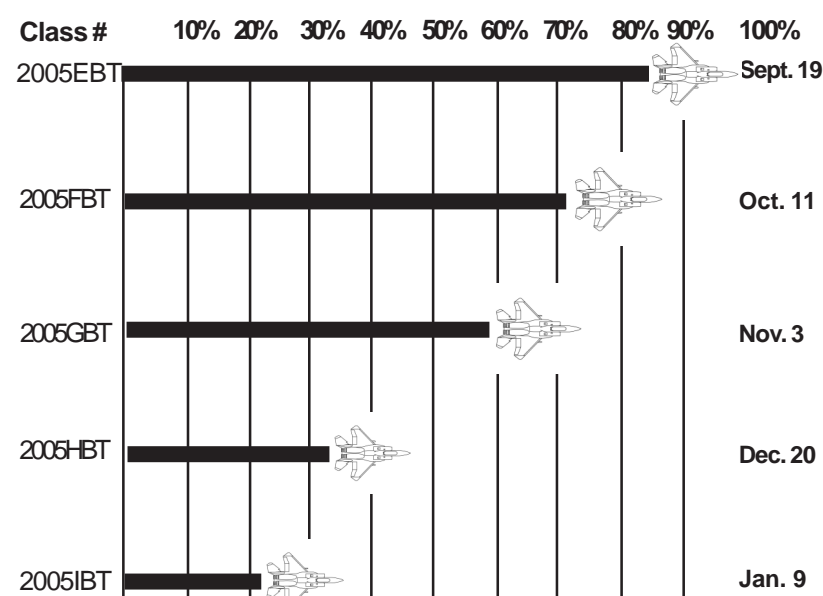
### Toolin’ around

Airman 1st Class Corbett Perry, 372nd Training Squadron/ Detachment 4 Mission Ready Airman student, inventories the tool box to ensure all the equipment is in place while Airman Edinson Ricardo Gutierrez helps. The green belt students were running through a lesson on basic post flight inspection.



Chrissy Cuttita

### F-15 Eagle B-Course progress chart







Operation Military Kids:  
*Florida youth introduced to  
military life, customs*

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

**STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“Move, move move! If you’re not out of bed in two seconds, I’m chasing you out!”

Remember those early-morning welcome calls from basic training? Well, more than 180 teens from all over Florida got a chance to experience it while they stayed at Tyndall as part of Operation Military Kids Sept. 9-11.

Originally developed by the DOD and national 4-H offices, Operation Military Kids gives young people a chance to see what the military does every day, as well as experience preparing for deployment.

“This year the 4-H state project is Support the Military,” said Dr. Paula Davis, 4-H youth development extension agent for Bay County. “In order to be supportive, the kids must understand what the military does for them and the importance of the military to the freedoms we enjoy daily.”

In order to help them understand the military culture, the teens were greeted by two “training instructors,” Tech. Sgts. Tim Barnett and Stephanie Brown from the NCO Academy.

“I was a T.I. at Lackland AFB, Texas, from November 1995 through June 2000, and I did it again at Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Ala,” said Sergeant Barnett. “To make the experience real, I



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Top of page: Tech. Sgt. Tim Barnett, Tyndall NCO Academy, has the 4-H Club teens present arms during a 9/11 Remembrance/flag folding ceremony at Flag Park Saturday.  
Above: Staff Sgt. David Gum, right, 325th Security Forces Squadron, answers questions from 4-H Club members about being a military working dog handler.  
Right: Tech. Sgt. Cliff Kinchen, Tyndall NCO Academy, teaches self defense techniques to the 4-H Club teens at the Tyndall Youth Center.



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek



Tech. Sgt. Bobby Boswell, 82nd Aerial T of the 9/11 Remembrance/flag folding



did the standard pick-up night thing that would have been done to an Airman reporting to basic training.”

The teens were taught basic drill movements, including standing at attention and present and order arms, he said. They then went through a deployment processing line and were finally sent to their barracks for lights-out at midnight.

The teens were up by 5:30 a.m. the second day for morning physical training. After breakfast at the dining facility, they were grouped up into different class sessions to learn about the military. Some sessions included trips to the 325th Security Forces Squadron, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire station or out to Silver Flag. There were also recreational activities such as archery or sand sculpting.

At the end of the day, the teens were bused to Flag Park, where they took part in a 9/11 remembrance and flag folding ceremony performed by the Tyndall Honor Guard. Afterwards, they broke up into districts to plan how each 4-H group would support the military.

“Last year we only had 4-H members from the Panhandle area come out for this program,” said Dr. Davis. “They had such a good time and told so many others about it, that this year it turned into a state event.”

The Tyndall Youth Center helped put together the activities for the weekend, as well as acted as a hub for the teens to

meet between sessions.

“We’ve been looking forward to this,” said Alma Hooks, Tyndall Youth Center youth programs director. “Our teens like showing off the facility and what we have to offer.”

Programs like Operation Military Kids allows Tyndall’s teens to be more appreciative of being a part of the military, which in turn makes them more supportive of their parents, said Ms. Hooks.

“Hopefully through talking to the military kids, the other kids will understand what it feels like to not have a parent there, instead deployed to an unsafe area,” said Dr. Davis. “Then the kids can learn how to be supportive of their military peers.”

After spending three days learning about the military, a lot of the 4-H Club members showed an interest in the Air Force and in the military as a whole, said Sergeant Barnett. They even bonded with their T.I.

“The interaction with the kids was great,” said the sergeant. “I found out they nicknamed me ‘Sergeant Sunshine.’ Also, the 4-H made me an honorary member of the state 4-H Council at the awards ceremony Sunday.

“I would absolutely do this again,” he added. “It was one of the most rewarding things I have done in my Air Force career!”



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

**Gary Botts, a Red Cross member, teaches a couple of 4-H Club members how to properly use a fire extinguisher.**



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**Teens work on designing a sand gecko during a sand sculpture course at the Youth Center.**



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**Targets Squadron, gets the teens into the position of attention before the beginning ceremony.**



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

**Tech. Sgt. William Feil, left, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, teaches club members about Explosive Ordnance Disposal robots at Silver Flag Saturday.**



## Briefs

**Retiree Appreciation Days**

Retiree Appreciation Days will be held Nov. 4 and 5. All retirees are invited to attend. For more information on events and activities going on that day, call the Retiree Activities Office at 283-2737.

**Family Support Center**

The FSC has computers available for use to check personal e-mail and information research. They also have the FSC Loan Closet, with dish packs, air mattresses and baby materials available for checkout. For more information on this or on Tyndall and the Panama City area, call 283-4204 or visit the FSC in Bldg. 745.

**Sexual assault reporting**

The DOD is committed to ensuring safety and dignity. As part of that endeavor, people may now report allegations of sexual assault to specified personnel without triggering an investigation or involving their chain of command. This confidential reporting must be made to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, a health care provider, a trained Victim Advocate or a chaplain. Tyndall's Response Line, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is 625-1231. For more information on sexual assault, call Tyndall's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 283-8192 or visit the United States DOD Sexual Assault and Response home page at [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil).

**Tricare Hurricane Katrina Web page**

The Tricare Management Activity's Hurricane Katrina Web page is now live. The Web address is [www.tricare.osd.mil/HurricaneKatrina/index.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/HurricaneKatrina/index.cfm). For health care inquiries, call the Tricare contractor toll-free at (800) 444-5445 or the clinic Tricare operations office at 283-7331.

**Gym floor closed**

The Fitness Center's gym floor will be closed until Sept. 27 for resurfacing. For more information, call 283-2631.

**Troy University**

Troy University will begin Web registration for Term II Monday continuing through Oct. 9. For more information, call 283-4449.

**GCCC Teacher Preparation Institute**

Gulf Coast Community College is now offering the Teacher Preparation Institute for those interested in a teaching career. Week-

end courses will begin Sept. 30.

Also, there will be a placement test at the Tyndall Center at 1 p.m. Oct. 5. For more information, call 283-4332.

**Bioenvironmental hours change**

The 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron's bioenvironmental engineering flight's duty hours will change to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. For more information, call 283-7139.

**Commissary news**

Many Commissary customers have been buying various items for the relief efforts. Unfortunately, many people are buying everything on the shelves. The Commissary asks its patrons to place a special order for their items they are going to buy in bulk to alleviate the problem of running out of items until the next delivery arrives.

The Commissary is having a case lot sale beginning today. There will be a barbecue for the base community from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. There will be hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and ice cream. All Hurricane Katrina evacuees are invited to come to this event.

Also, the Tide Racing Car will be in front of the Commissary from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 283-4825.

**DAPS open house**

The Document Automation and Production Service is celebrating its 55th anniversary with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Communications Annex, Bldg. 817. Because of the need for in-

creased printing support, DAPS is returning effective Oct. 1. During the open house, DAPS will provide tours of the new facility as well as provide demonstrations of the new equipment capabilities and train for DAPS Online. Customer accounts will be initiated with the assistance of DAPS trainers.

**OSC coffee**

The Officers' Spouses' Club invites members for a night of Bunko at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Officers' Club. The price is \$12.95 for club members, and \$15.95 for non-members. Those attending must RSVP to Geraldine Traver at 871-1895 by noon Sept. 16.

**Airman's Attic**

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday–Friday in Bldg. 747. The Airman's Attic is designed to help reduce some cost of living expenses by providing donated household items or new items purchased with cash donations to eligible military members. The generosity of Team Tyndall has allowed the staff to extend this service from senior airman and below to staff sergeant and below. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 or the Family Support Center at 283-4204 for more information.

**Thrift Shop hours**

Normal operating hours are Wednesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with consignments on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 743 on Suwannee Drive across from the Base Post Office. For more information, call 286-5888.



2nd Lt. William Powell

**Photo refinish**

Mike Reid, a flooring contractor, sands the gym floor Monday in the Fitness Center. The floor gets refinished once each year, and receives a complete overhaul every seven years, which is currently underway. The process keeps the floor in good condition so Tyndall personnel can enjoy the court year after year. It is scheduled to reopen to the public Sept. 27. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

**Catholic services**

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday, Chapel Two  
Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment  
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two  
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two  
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

**Protestant services**

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One  
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two  
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

**Muslim services**

Dhuhr Prayer, Monday–Thursday, Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline  
Jumauh services, 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month, Spiritual Maintenance building near flightline





Steve Wallace

## Bowling for dollars

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hester, 325th Communications Squadron, tries to get a strike while bowling at Raptor Lanes Wednesday. The 325th Mission Support Group held a bowling fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina victims. The money was donated to the Air Force Aid Society to help Airmen and their families who were directly affected by the hurricane.

# San Francisco's victory surprises Pig-Prog, Tyndall

### PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR

From the merry old land of Boz

*"Football, oh football  
Good Ol' St. Louis  
Lost to San Fran?  
Man, something seems screwy  
'Cause now I must write  
This flowery prose  
Well, let me say this  
You know how it goes  
Roses are red  
And violets are blue  
Yeah, I picked the Rams  
But so did all of you!"*

Yes, I said in last week's article that the NCOA picked San Francisco and I'd write a poem if they won. Well, NCOA actually picked St. Louis, but I still had to live up to my promise.

Speaking of living up to promises, what was up with all the upsets last week? The Saints beat the Panthers with a down-to-the-wire field goal; San Francisco got a last minute interception to win the game; and the Dolphins stayed cool as the Broncos

sweated over a 34-10 loss.

This week looks to be interesting as well, and people need to keep their eyes on New Orleans. With all that's going on back home for these men, it's like someone set a fire under their bench.

"They could be the sleeper team of the season," said fellow prognosticator William Bracken from the 325th Operations Group. "Anyone playing them better bring it, because they sure are."

Bracken also had a warning for Panthers fans: "There is no hope for Carolina to (beat New England). I sure hope you're not a Carolina fan, because you're in for a big disappointment this year."

Our 325th Security Forces Squadron troops deployed to Kuwait, who made their team's picks this week, also picked the Patriots to win. With all that they're doing in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, it's good to see that they get some time to keep up with the NFL.

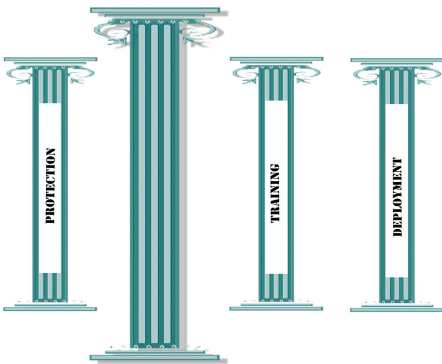
Now, let's go watch some football!

## Prognosticator scoreboard

As of Week 1:

PIG-PROG	6
325th SVS	10
325th ACS	9
325th MDOS	9
325th MOS	9
325th MSS	9
325th OSS	9
325th SFS	9
53rd WEG	9
First Sgts.	9
2nd FS	8
325th AMXS	8
823rd RHS	8
325th CONS	7
325th CPTS	7
325th CS	7
325th MXS	7
1st FS	6
AFRL	5
NCOA	4

## FORCE SUSTAINMENT



### Intramural Sports Standings

#### Football

American				National			
Team	W	L	Tie	Team	W	L	Tie
43rd AMU	4	1	0	ACS	4	0	0
OSS	4	2	0	SFS	4	0	0
1st AMU	3	2	0	CES	3	1	0
MXS	1	3	1	SVS	2	1	0
AFCESA	1	4	0	COMM	3	2	0
53rd WEG	1	4	0	601st EAOG	3	2	0
CPTS	1	5	0	TEST	1	1	1
83rd FWS	0	4	0	CONS	2	3	0
				COMM	2	3	0

#### Golf

Team	Points
CES	70.5
372nd TRS	65
MSS	60
AFCESA	59
AMXS	58
OSS	51
SVS	48.5
601st EAOG	46.5
CS1	43.5
CONR1	40
ACS	37.5
53rd WEG	28.5
RHS	27.5
MXS	26.5
CONR2	23
CS2	18

## Pig-Prog vs. 325th MDOS

Baltimore @ Tennessee	Baltimore
Buffalo @ Tampa Bay	Buffalo
Detroit @ Chicago	Detroit
Jacksonville @ Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Minnesota @ Cincinnati	Minnesota
New England @ Carolina	New England
Pittsburgh @ Houston	Pittsburgh
San Francisco @ Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Atlanta @ Seattle	Seattle
St. Louis @ Arizona	St. Louis
Cleveland @ Green Bay	Green Bay
Miami @ N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets
San Diego @ Denver	San Diego
Kansas City @ Oakland	Oakland
N.Y. Giants @ New Orleans	N.Y. Giants
Washington @ Dallas - 41	Dallas - 46

# Airmen prepare for AF marathon

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Four Tyndall Airmen will represent Tyndall AFB and Air Education and Training Command in Saturday's Air Force Marathon military team relay event at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

David Shaw, Lance Souther and Chris Myers from the 325th Communications Squadron, and Trevor Teeselink from the 325th Air Control Squadron, had been training together for only five weeks before they received the invitation in August from AETC to race in the military team relay.

They quickly accepted.

"Last year there were more than 200 teams, and I think we're good enough to at least finish in the top five," said Souther, who's competed in more than 30 marathons.

The fastest military team last year clocked in at 2:39:48. That's nearly a 6-minute-mile pace. They were also from AETC.

"If everyone (on the team) runs to

their full potential, we should be competitive," he said.

"I'm the slowest person on the team, and I run at about a 6:30 pace," said Shaw, who will be completing his fifth marathon Saturday.

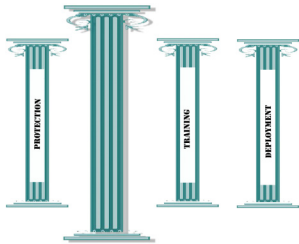
The team relay 26.2 mile marathon is divided into four unequal legs ranging from five to 7.5 miles. Each runner completes only one leg. But the shorter distance still requires a lot of training, Souther said.

"In addition to exercising on our own, we try to accomplish at least one track workout and at least one distance workout as team each week," said Souther.

"For the last two weeks we've been running three miles hard, then we jog a lap, and then we run another three miles," said Shaw. "On weekends we run anywhere from six to eight miles at a good tempo pace to get our heart rate up and train for distance. Three of us also bicycle a few days a week."

Besides the health benefits, some people wonder why athletes would

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want to put their bodies through so much pain while training for, or competing in, a marathon.

"I like to beat the young guys," said Teeselink.

"I force myself out the door because I know when I get back I'm going to feel good that I did it," said Souther. "Sometimes I feel good while I'm running, but that's rare."

The training and preparation for the marathon has required a lot of time, even during the duty day, and each team member said they couldn't have done it without the help and support from their units, the 325th CS booster club and the Tyndall Top 3 organization.


"The booster club and Top 3 donated nearly \$600 for gas and lodging," said Shaw. "But the way gas prices are now, all the money might have to be used for gas."

The team left Thursday for Ohio and will return Monday, but before they left, they offered some advice for anyone searching for the motivation to run, either in a marathon or just to keep in shape.

"Just put one foot in front of the other, run for time instead of running for distance and find someone to run with to take your mind off the discomfort," said Souther. "You have to have the heart and desire. There's no sugarcoating it."



Lance Souther, left, Trevor Teeselink, David Shaw and Chris Myers run at the track here to train for Saturday's Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The group will run the team relay event.

 Play it safe, don't become a statistic.



# Practicing good eye care, safety is ‘out of sight’

**STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The comic book hero Daredevil gained superhuman powers when he was blinded by toxic waste that hit him in the eyes. Unfortunately, outside of the superhero realm, anyone else would just be blinded.

Therefore, protecting your eyes and keeping them healthy is paramount, as sight is one of the most important senses of the body, said Maj. Ryan Traver, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron optometry flight commander. And while most people follow the rules and wear personal protective equipment such as safety glasses while at work, they tend to forget about it at home.

“One of the biggest injuries we get here is from people mowing the lawn without eye protection,” said Major Traver. “We also get a lot of injuries from people working on their cars at home.”

Lawn mowers can toss up rocks or chips of wood, while getting under the car for a routine oil change without goggles can cause bits of rust, or even oil, to fall into the eyes.

Using hazardous chemicals, small hand tools or riding a motorcycle are other activities in which people should wear protective eye equipment, said Ken Jolley, 325th Fighter Wing chief of ground safety.

But it’s not just work where people need to protect themselves. Common eye injuries come from not wearing protective eye gear while playing sports, according to Major Traver.

“Many people wear safety glasses while playing racquetball,” he said, “but they rarely wear them while playing football, basketball or baseball. You need protection when there are any flying objects about, which includes any ball sport.”

And don’t forget about ultraviolet rays, said the major. Ultraviolet damage to eyes can be prevented by wearing sunglasses with 100 percent UV blocking.

“It doesn’t matter if they cost \$5 or \$400 dollars,” said Major Traver. “Sunglasses are important. In fact, they make safety sunglasses for both sun and foreign object protection.”

Another way to protect your eyesight is by keeping your

eyes healthy, said the major. Routine eye exams are extremely important.

“It varies by a person’s age, but an average, healthy adult should get an eye exam every two to three years,” he said. “Even if you don’t need glasses, everyone is susceptible to eye disease.”

If caught early, doctors can take care of eye disease, but people can help prevent infections by eating a healthy diet including green, leafy vegetables, and properly wearing their contacts.

“Never sleep in your contacts, no matter what the company says,” said Major Traver. “The maximum amount of time people should wear them is 10 to 12 hours a day. You wouldn’t sleep in dirty underwear. Why wear your dirty contacts for days at a time?”

But why should anyone make such an effort to protect their eyes?

“You only have one set of eyes, and it doesn’t take very much to injure them,” said Mr. Jolley. “Try walking across a room with your eyes closed and see how far you get.”





# CDC provides pre-k program

CHRISSEY CUTTITA  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall’s Child Development Center created a way to provide Florida’s Voluntary Prekindergarten program to its members.

Any child, 4 years old on or before Sept.1, who resides in Florida, is eligible to attend the state’s free program. It is designed to prepare children for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success.

“We always have some sort of theme to connect all the areas of learning, phonetic sounds, alphabet and number recognition, reading, math, fine and gross motor skills, exploring nature and free choice/play,” said Janet Collins, pre-k teacher.

Currently the CDC hosts the program at the Youth Center each morning for two hours and is hoping to expand.

“It is real beneficial for our families because the state pays up to 540 hours of pre-k education, and if their children are CDC members and also students, their



Chrissy Cuttita

**Prekindergarten students attentively listen to a story read by their teacher, Janet Collins.**

weekly fee is discounted,” said Marie Pippin, CDC director.

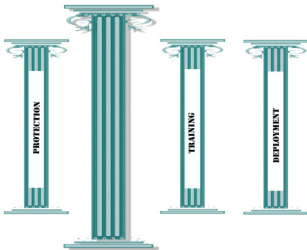
Bus service is provided between the two base facilities so children can get to and from the Youth Center.

“Similar to the CDC curriculum, the state program is designed so that children learn through experience,” said Ms. Pippin. “They are exposed to literacy and socialization. Our teachers have to meet certain standards as far as what material is covered. Teachers are also certified and the class ratio is 18 students to two teachers.”

Currently the class is full and a waiting list has started. To enroll, parents need to sign up through the Florida state office, Early Education and Care, located in Panama City on 450 Jenks Ave. After signing up, families get a voucher to bring to their pre-k facility of choice.


For further information, the state Web site is [www.vpkflorida.org](http://www.vpkflorida.org) and the phone number for Early Education and Child Care is 872-7550.

## FORCE SUSTAINMENT



Chrissy Cuttita


**Peyton Bailey and Isiah Rogers collect ‘bugs’ during one the Child Development Center’s prekindergarten program activities.**



### This week in Tyndall history ...

**Sept. 12, 1991:** First Air Force was officially relocated from Langley AFB, Va., to Tyndall.

**Sept. 14, 1956:** The wing was redesignated the 325th Fighter Wing.





# AFCESA engineer wins energy award

**MASTER SGT. MICHAEL A. WARD**  
Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

An Air Force civil engineer capped off a 40-year career by winning a national-level energy award recently.

Alvin Day, chief of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Division of the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, was named a recipient of the Department of Energy's Federal Energy and Water Management Exceptional Service Award. The award, presented annually to an individual or organization for significant contributions to the energy conservation efforts within the federal government, was announced just weeks before Mr. Day will retire.

"It came as a giant shock to me," he said, "but, it's a real honor to receive this at the end of my career. It's kind of neat."

Mr. Day was submitted for the award by the people he manages, members of the Air Force Energy Management Team and the Utility Rates Management Team. The Energy Management Team helps bases reduce energy costs and usage, and

the URMT negotiates utility rate costs with states and regulatory agencies.

"Al is the kind of person you want to do things for because he is so passionate about it," said Gary Hein, Air Force Energy Team manager. "When you work for him, you know you are doing some excellent work and you are making things happen."

"This award is really a reflection of the work all the people involved with the Air Force energy program are doing and the leadership the Air Force is showing in the area of renewable energy," Mr. Day said.

The Air Force is the largest purchaser of renewable power in the nation. Last year the Air Force bought 41 percent of the renewable power purchased by the US government. Since he took on the position five years ago, Mr. Day has been one of the leading forces in increasing the amount of green power Air Force bases purchase.

"Al has been a cheerleader for the energy program for a number of years and has spearheaded a lot of the efforts that have made the Air Force the number one renewable



Master Sgt. Michael A. Ward

**Alvin Day, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency chief of mechanical and electrical engineering, won an award from the Department of Energy.**

energy purchaser," Mr. Hein said. "He's the granddaddy of the Air Force energy program."

Mr. Day retires at the end of September, a month before the award is presented at a ceremony in Washington D.C. But, that's no problem. "Oh, I'll be sure to be there," he said.

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## NEWS UPDATE

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**Thursday at the E'Club 6 p.m.**

### Fantastic Four

(Rated PG-13)

Prepare for the fantastic. A group of astronauts gain superpowers after a cosmic radiation exposure and must use them to oppose the plans of their enemy, Dr. Victor Von Doom.

### Cinderella Man

(Rated PG-13)

When America was on its knees, he brought us to our feet. The story of Depression-era fighter and folk hero Jim Braddock, who defeated heavyweight champ Max Baer in a 15-round slugfest in 1935.



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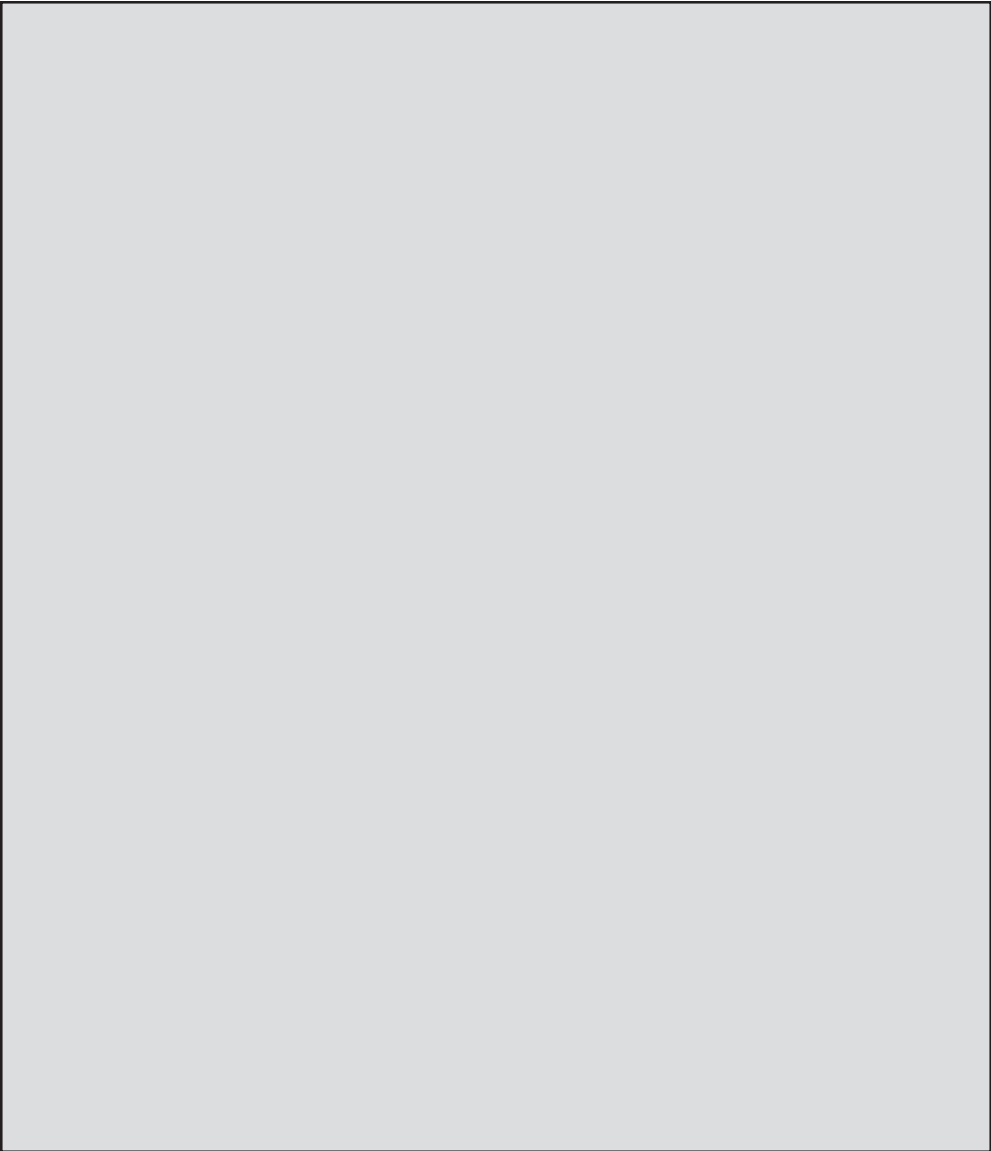
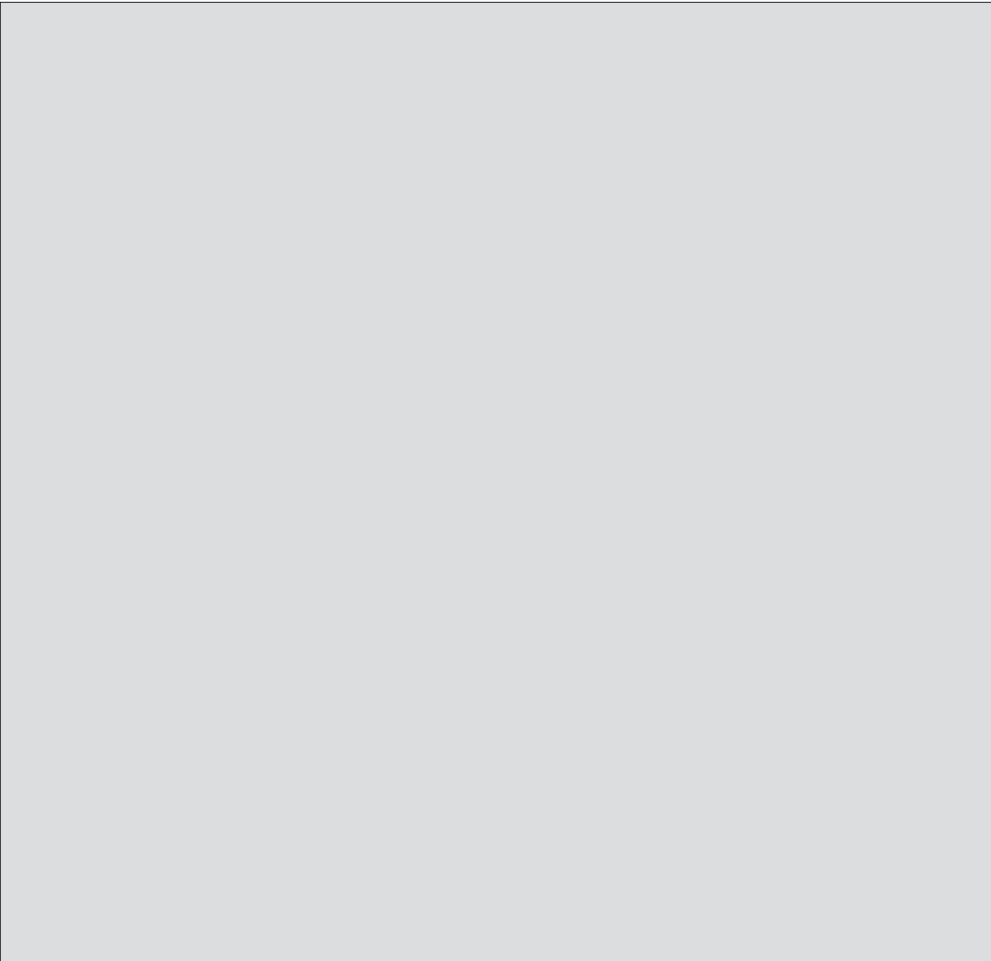
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If you could change one thing in the paper, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:





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you need to take charge of the situation and correct these violations on the spot. Don't ever miss an opportunity to correct a behavior that would leave you later questioning why you didn't do something about it.

The Air Force has evolved to the changing times in the 21-plus years since I entered active duty. We now have instructions governing the wear and display of tattoos, wearing of earrings by males, body piercing and PT

uniforms. It is your duty as an Airman to ensure everyone who wears the uniform of the United States Air Force complies with the established standards. As the saying goes, "There never is enough time to do it right the first time, but always enough time to do it right a second or third time." Do it right the first time – your time is too valuable. Take the time to train your troops to do their job the proper way. Portray a positive image and lead by example. Expect the best from

them and they will deliver. We have the best educated, most dedicated Air Force in the world. People are the lifeline to our continued success. So, the next time you see someone not performing up to or complying with standards, take the time to correct the behavior. Do it tactfully and respectfully. That way you won't be asking what ever happened to my Air Force. The answer will be right in front of you. It is your job, and we are depending on you!

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someone offers me an elaborate explanation for why something can't be done, as if somehow a good story is equivalent to having completed the task.

If you are routinely explaining to your boss why something can't be done, your boss is sizing you up as someone who can't get things done. If you want to be a top one-percenter, ask yourself every day: Do I have a reputation with my boss as someone who can get things done? If you are not confident of the answer, stop trying to look so busy, and start focusing on results, like top one-percenters do.

Top one-percenters deliver more than you expect. Top one-percenters take the boss' vague and fuzzy vision and turn it into a reality beyond what he could have imagined possible. Tell them to build a shack and they come back with a castle. As a commander, there is no higher praise that I can give someone than, "you've delivered far more than I thought could be done." If your boss ever tells you that, you are probably a top one-percenter.

Top one-percenters execute. Elaborate plans are wonderful, but results are delivered through execution. I have learned about execution by watching my squadron commanders. When their squadrons are doing something important, complicated or risky, you will see them close by. They are not micromanaging or necessarily giving input, but they are overseeing execution, ready to roll

up their sleeves and lend a hand if the unforeseen occurs.

As a group commander, it is comforting to see my squadron commanders involved in the important tasks. These top one-percenters leave nothing to chance, and the chance for foul ups is during execution. That is why they are there.

Top one-percenters lead. In his new book, "The One Thing You Need to Know," Marcus Buckingham defines a leader as someone who rallies people toward a better future. By this definition, anyone can be a leader, regardless of rank or position.

Consider the Airman first class who sees a better way to do a task in his flight and shows everyone how. He is a leader! Top one-percenters see a better future – a vision – and then chart a path to that future. By definition, they are optimistic about the future and the prospects for getting there. If you are a pessimist or naysayer, you can't rally anyone to a better future, and you are, by my definition, the opposite of a leader. Rally people to a better future – lead – and you are on your way to the top 1 percent.

You probably can tell that I am excited about this topic, just thinking about the sheer excellence that my top one-percenters achieve. As commanders, there is no greater service we can provide our Air Force than to identify and propel our top one-percenters to greater responsibility. As Airmen, we should always strive to be the best.

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contract. GPC purchases exceeding \$2,500 must be competed against three sources and properly coordinated, in advance, with contracting's GPC program manager."

Weekly close out meetings are held so everyone in the process continues to work to-

ward the wing goal.

"The only time there is last minute stress is when units are not ready to purchase, so having the necessary legwork done in advance is key," said Capt. Christensen. "For example, a Form 9 needing contracting office approval cannot be done on the last day."

"We encouraged units to spend 80 percent of their funds by June so they would be prepared to have 100 percent spent by September," said Lt. Bravo.

Starting Oct. 1, the Defense Accounting System will go down for fiscal year 2005 balancing.

